

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: ROLLER FOR ROLLING ELECTRODE STRUCTURE AND THE ELECTRODE
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir :

Prior to the prosecution of the above-captioned application, please enter the following
amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Please amend the first full paragraph on Page 3 between lines 2-7 as follows:

This invention still is a roller processing/rolling an electrode structure in which a
powdered electrode active substance is adhered to the current collecting member, comprising
one work roll and the other work roll having an electrode structure inbetween, a backup roll
generating a pressing force onto the surface of the other work roll, a pressuring device
pressing the backup roll toward the work roll side, and a drive unit rotating the work roll.

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Please amend the fourth paragraph on Page 10 between lines 12-17 as follows:

For example, the adjustment plate 46 may be a spring and a spacer, which maintains
clearances among four rolls when a pressuring device 44 such as a hydraulic cylinder is
extended. The adjustment plate positioned between the work rolls 43, 43 adjust a gap
appropriately so that the work rolls 43, 43 may not contact each other. The spring pushes the

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